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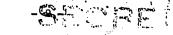
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Meeting with Heinrich

Reference: MAS-4-370: MAS-W-112

- When no news had been received from BERGER for over two months after his Salzburg visit, wrote him a letter and HERGER promptly replied, apologizing for the delay and stating that his wife had died after a long illness in late May 1951. BERGER also indicated in his letter that he had received an unsatisfactory answer from Police Director Richard BOZHM in Salzburg.
- subsequently suggested a meeting in Graz for 6 July 1951, combining the meeting with a pre-arranged visit to let for lunch on that day and BERGER made the BERGER and/ following statements:
 - In view of the negative reply received from BOEHM (photostat of BOEHM's letter is forwarded as Attachment 1 to this memorandum), BERGER has abandoned for the time being all hopes for reinstatement in the police as a civil service officer or contract employee. He does not intend to comply with BOEHM's suggestion that he write a personal letter to (Ministerialrat) Max PANNER, explaining in detail his plans for anti-Communist operations.
 - BERGER declared his willingness to work for / Balzburg organization" on an agent basis in his spare time. BERGER made it clear that he did not expect to got an anti-SANITZER operation going within a few days, but that he was confident that contact with SANITZER could be established eventually. He stated that he had met in Graz recently, and KOERNER (fnu), a retired criminal police officer who had served with the Kripo in Graz and later with the Gestapo in Klagenfurt, where BERGER was his superior. When BERGER mentioned SANITZEF to KOERNER, he stated that SANITZER had recently approached two former police officers: living in Graz and had offered them employment in East Germany. BERGER expects to meet with KOERWER again, who seems to be personally acquainted with the police officers approached by SANITZER. BERGER believes that this might be the starting point for an intelligence operation.

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- c. BERGER also contacted Julius BRUNNER by mail in Vienna but learned that BRUNNER could not visit him in Styria since he was working on a night shift in a Vienna factory in order to support himself and his wife who is ciropled as a consequence of infantile paralysis. BERGER deducted from BRUNNER's reply that the latter was not very interested in meeting with him, and has abandoned plans for the recruitment of BRUNNER for the time being.
- d. As a replacement for BRUNNER, BERGER intends to re-establish contact with his close friend, Dr. Othmaf THENKER, former chief of the Vienna Gestapo who was transferred to Berlin in late 1944. TRENKER was SANITZER's superior in Vienna and knew him well; he lives at present in Vienna III, Sechskruegelgasse 10. After World War II, THENKER was twice tried by the Austrian authorities for Nazi-activities and sentenced to several years in prison. He was released about one year ago after having served about two-thirds of his sentence.

 BERGER hopes to meet with THENKER somewhere in Styria.
- e. BERGER does not expect to get a salary from organization until he has built up an intelligence operation on a firm basis.
- isked BERGER again whether he knew General Heinrich MUZILLER of the HSHA (para 8 of MAS-W-112; MAS-A-369) and BERGER replied that he had "of course" heard of and personally met in Berlin General MUXILLER, called in Gestapo circles "der kleine MUELLER", who in BERGER's opinion was "the soul of the RSHA". BERGER explained that he never had the allochest. intention of concealing his knowledge of MUELLER but when him in Salzburg whether he knew a Gestapo officer in Vienna named MUELLER, he did not appointe this MUELLER with General MUELLER in Berlin. (It is correct that was not aware of the distinguished position held by MUELLER in the cestapo when he rirst put the question to BERGER in Salzburg.) BERGER added that Franz Josef MUBER, former SS Brigadefuchrer and Inspekteur der Sicherheitswache und des SD for the Vienna area, a very close friend of Heinrich MUZILLER was recently re-instated into the Munich police. HUBER and MUEILER had come up together from the police ranks and remained close friends. BERGER believes that, if anyone, HUBER should be in a position to furnish information on Heinrich MUELLER.
- 4. EERCER mentioned again Baron Quids COLARD (MAS-A-315, para 1, d) through whom he had met the lawyer, Napoleon EICHARY (MAV-W-3201, para 10).

 EERCER stated that COLARD had married shortly after the war and had started an import-export business in Vienna. COLARD was recently tried in a Vienna court, together with several of his business associates, for illegal transactions but was acquitted. EERCER thought that COLARD might be able to furnish information on Napoleon BICHARY and other Soviet agents. In BERGER's opinion, COLARD is certainly not a Communist nor a fellow-traveller but merely an adventurer, constantly in need of money, who, if he is serving the Soviets, is doing that for financial reasons only.

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- opinion, BERGER could develop into a useful asset to this Station. he certainly has a great deal of experience in anti-Communist operations and makes the impression of a reasonable, correct and intelligent person. BERGER does not appear to have any connections with other western IS and lives modestly in Feldbach as an insurance salarman. There is no doubt that he was a loyal servant of the Hitler regime and an efficient "Gestapiat", but it is probably true when he states that he served the Nazis with no more enthusiasm than the DOLLFUSS-SCHUSCHNIGG regimes, was not animated by the Nazi doctrine, but served the German Government out of attachment to the police service in which he has spent thirty years.
- 6. BERGER promised to keep au courant by mail and expects to meet with BERGER again at the occasion of the next visit to Landseer 9 in Graz in early August.
- 7. G-2 files checks in Salzburg and a check of the Graz police files by Landsoor 9 proved negative.

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